PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Michelle Kolling
DOCKET NO.: 04-26013.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 09-17-318-010-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Michelle Kolling, the appellant, by attorney Edward P. Larkin of Park Ridge, Illinois, and the Cook County Board of Review.

The subject property is situated on a 7,810 square foot parcel and has been improved with a two-story single family dwelling of frame exterior construction which is 81 years old. The dwelling contains 2,242 square feet of living area and features a full basement with a recreation room, three full bathrooms, and central air conditioning. The property is located in Des Plaines, Maine Township, Cook County.

The appellant in this appeal submitted documentation to demonstrate that the subject property's improvement assessment was erroneous due the assessor having recorded 4,300 square feet of living area when the improvement in actuality has 2,242 square feet of living area. There was no dispute raised with regard to the land assessment. The appellant also submitted the final decision issued by the Cook County Board of Review wherein the subject's total assessment of \$48,455 was disclosed.

The appellant indicated the subject had an improvement assessment of \$42,520 or \$9.89(rounded) per square foot of living area utilizing the assessor's records of 4,300 square feet of living area. Applying this per-square-foot improvement assessment of \$9.89 to the subject's actual 2,242 square foot living area results in a corrected improvement assessment of \$22,173. Based on this evidence the appellant requested the

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Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds <u>a reduction</u> in the assessment of the property as established by the $\underline{\mathbf{Cook}}$ County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

LAND: \$ 5,935 IMPR.: \$ 22,173 TOTAL: \$ 28,108

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

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subject's improvement assessment be reduced to \$22,169 or \$9.8880463 per square foot of living area.

The board of review did not submit its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" or any evidence in support of its assessed valuation of the subject property.

After reviewing the record and considering the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal. The Board further finds the evidence in the record supports a reduction in the subject's assessment.

The appellant argued assessment inequity in the subject's improvement assessment based on an error in the subject's living area square footage. After an analysis of the evidence presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds a reduction is warranted.

The Board finds the only evidence pertaining to the subject's improvement assessment was submitted by the appellant. appellant provided evidence establishing an error in the subject improvement's living area square footage from the recorded 4,300 square feet to the corrected 2,242 square feet. The appellant's evidence disclosed the subject had an improvement assessment of \$9.89 (rounded) per square foot of living area and applying the corrected living area square footage, the subject improvement should have an improvement assessment of \$22,173. The board of review did not submit any evidence in support of its assessment of the subject property or to refute the evidence presented by the appellant as required by section 1910.40(a) of the rules of the Property Tax Appeal Board. The Board has examined the information submitted by the appellant and finds, based on this limited evidence that was not refuted, a reduction in the assessed valuation of the subject property's improvement is justified.

This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board which is subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law $(735 \, \text{LCS} \, 5/3-101 \, \text{et seq.})$ and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code.

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DISSENTING: _____

CERTIFICATION

As Clerk of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board and the keeper of the Records thereof, I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Final Administrative Decision of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board issued this date in the above entitled appeal, now of record in this said office.

Date: April 25, 2008

Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides in part:

"If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel after the deadline for filing complaints with the Board of Review or after adjournment of the session of the Board of Review at which assessments for the subsequent year are being considered, the taxpayer may, within 30 days after the date of written notice of the Property Tax Appeal Board's decision, appeal the assessment for the subsequent year directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board."

In order to comply with the above provision, YOU MUST FILE A PETITION AND EVIDENCE WITH THE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE ENCLOSED DECISION IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

Based upon the issuance of a lowered assessment by the Property Tax Appeal Board, the refund of paid property taxes is the responsibility of your County Treasurer. Please contact that office with any questions you may have regarding the refund of paid property taxes.